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Abstract

A CELEBRATION OF PEACE (for Adam Curle), THE WAY AHEAD

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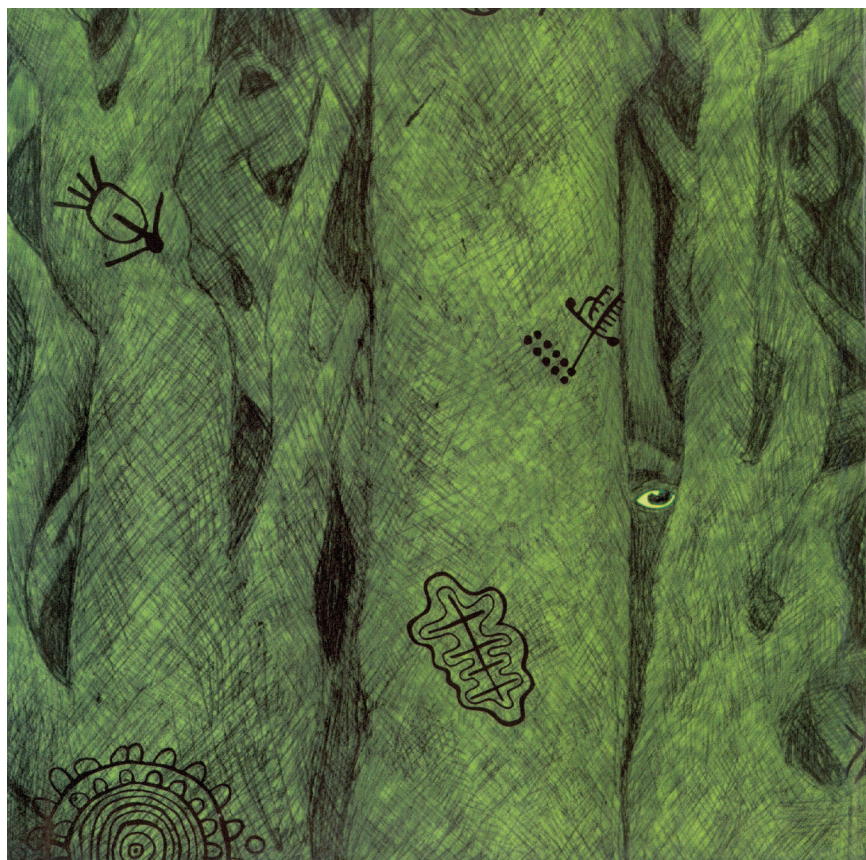
today we come together
to read and sing of peace
lay aside our differences
rise and greet the breeze
there's no need to explain
define or defend our theme
question our ancestors
about their silent dreams
no need to blame the rain or pain
for crying on the phone
no need to ask how far the tide
will come to meet our bones

when all is said and done
you'll have to give up soon
the things that make you what you are
the things you think you own
a spouse a house
a child a friend
the land your customs
even the pain

for when you're left with nothing
only wings to lift you up
you'll see how fast your soul is trembling
freedom trapped in a cup
seize it now hold it tight
have no fear you're there
let me whisper no i'll shout
peace is in the air

THE WAY AHEAD

we cannot see
far into the distance
neither can we see
what used to stand there
but today we can see trees
separated by wind and air
and if we dare to look
beneath the soil
we will find roots reaching out
for each other
and in their silent inter-twining
create the hidden landscape
of the future



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